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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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AMENDMENT TO ITEM #65-A

Hurricane Katrina is one of the most destructive disasters that has ever occurred.

Our thoughts are with the victims of this horrific event, and their families.

Everyday presents additional challenges to the people in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and we must support them.

The County of Los Angeles is no stranger to disasters and is empathetic about the hardships being felt by those left in Katrina's wake. Due to our experience with emergencies, the County of Los Angeles possesses many powerful resources, both human and material, that may assist those affected by this devastating disaster.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct all Department Heads:

1. To survey their departments for skilled personnel and/or equipment that can provide specialized assistance, other than Fire and Law Enforcement, that can be deployed to the Gulf region in areas such as, but not limited to:

- Emergency Management
- Information Technology
- Mental Health
- Social Services

- Health Services
- Public Works
- Engineers
- Sanitation District Resources
- Logistics
- Public Relations
- Coroner

2. Return this information to the Office of Emergency Management via e-mail or fax by Friday, September 9, 2005.

The Office of Emergency Management will promptly forward this information to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to be added to the resource information they are gathering.

The County of Los Angeles has not received an official request for this type of aid. However, our County is familiar with natural disasters, and we must be proactive and ready to assist those who so desperately need our help, if requested through official State or Federal channels.

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